Supply from Srisailam Reservoir and irrigation *en route* in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have been incurring expenditure on the project since 1983-84. Since the project has not been approved by the Planning Commission, the question of any action plan does not arise.

Selection of a site for Zirconium Oxide Plant

214 SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee has been constituted to select a suitable site for setting up the proposed Zirconium Oxide Plant;

(b) whether the said Committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Site Selection Committee constituted to select a suitable location for setting up Zirconium Sponge Plant has recently submitted its report which is under consideration of the Department.

Allocation for poverty alleviation programmes

215. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation of money for poverty alleviation programmes during the last three years; State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of persons who have been provided assistance through the programmes, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the number of persons brought above poverty line during the last three years; year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The total allocation of money for the major Poverty Alleviation programmes viz. Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) during the last three years (1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88) State-wise and year-wise are given in Annexures (*See* Appendix CXLVII Annexure No. 5).

(b) the number of persons who have been provided assistance under IRDP and the number of man-days generated under NREP and RLEGP State-wise and year-wise is given at Annexures (*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 6)

(c) the number of persons brought above the poverty line would be known only when the results of the quinquennial survey of the National Sample Survey Organisation are received.

Visit of foreign naval ships to ports in the country

216. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the foreign naval ships/nuclear war-head carrying ships visited different ports in the country;

(b) the names of those countries, the details of their visits and the reasons for such visits; and

(c) whether such visits poses threat to India's independence and soveriegnty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) 29 foreign naval ships visited Indian ports during 1987. 17 foreign naval ships have visited Indian ports during 1988 to date. Government are not aware of any foreign ships with nuclear weapons on board having visited any Indian port.

Details of these visits are as follows: 1987. USSR—9; USA—7; France—7; Thailand—2; Sweden—1; FRG—1; Egypt—1; UK—1.